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1. Batch 111 KS boats (coast protection boats) 23, 24 and 25 underwent shakedown and acceptance runs in the Baltic on 8, 9 and 10 April 1953. On 8 April 1953, the transmission shaft of the port engine of KS 23 seized after a run of 6 hours and had to be exchanged at the Peenewerft in Wolgast. On 9 April, the fire plate of the port engine of KS 24 started while she was making her full speed trial on the measured mile in Tromper Wiek. The engine was exchanged at the Peenewerft in Wolgast. KS 25 was accepted and definitely handed over to the Sea Police on 27 April and was given the distinguishing number 117. KS boats 21 and 22 were handed over to the Sea Police on 15 April and were given the distinguishing numbers 115 and 116.⁴
2. KS boats 26, 27 and 28 left the Yachtwerft Berlin (yachtbuilding yard) under the command of Kapitänleutnant Thomas and were transferred to Wolgast. On 13 April, KS 26 which, with Kapitänleutnant Thomas aboard, collided with a train of ships near Ziegenort (on the Stettiner Haff) and had her bows stove in, had to be repaired in the Peenewerft in Wolgast. Her engines were removed and installed in KS boats 24 and 28. The starboard engine of KS 28 had to be exchanged. KS 24 and KS 28 made successful shakedown runs and acceptance runs on 25, 26 and 27 April 1953. KS boats 23 and 27 were scheduled to be accepted on 5 May.

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